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TWO INDICTED ON TAX CHARGES

(Wilmington, DE) – William M. Remington, Director of Revenue announced today that the Grand Jury for the Superior Court in New Castle County returned indictments against Wilmington physician, Dr. Kenny Cooper and Stephen G. Lang, a Dupont lab technician.

According to the indictment, Cooper was charged with three felony counts of failing to collect or pay over more than \$3,200 of state withholding taxes from employees of his medical practice during the years 1997, 1998, and 1999.

Additionally, the indictment charges Cooper with three misdemeanor counts of failing to file State of Delaware personal income tax returns and report more than \$280,000 of Delaware adjusted gross income on which over \$15,000 in taxes were owed for the years 1998, 1999, and 2000.

In a separate action, Lang was charged with five felony counts of attempting to evade or defeat State of Delaware personal income tax in the years 1996 through 2000 by filing tax returns with the Division of Revenue for which he claimed no Delaware adjusted gross income.

Additionally, Lang was charged with one felony count of filing fraud and false statements after filing amended returns for the years 1993, 1994, and 1995 for which he reported no Delaware adjusted gross income.

During the tax years 1996 through 2000, Mr. Lang earned more than \$210,000 on which over \$10,500 in state taxes were due. Mr. Lang allegedly filed a false W-4 form with his employer, E.I. Dupont de Nemours, whereby he claimed exempt status from withholding tax. Subsequently, he chose not to provide any information regarding his income on his tax returns and instead signed and filed the returns reporting no adjusted gross income.

The charges against both Cooper and Lang are based on an investigation conducted by the Delaware Division of Revenue's Criminal Investigation Unit and referred to the Delaware Attorney General's office for indictment and prosecution.

The felony tax offenses are each punishable by up to a maximum five-year imprisonment and such fines and penalties as the court deems appropriate.

The misdemeanor tax offenses are each punishable by up to a maximum one-year imprisonment and up to \$2,300 in fines.

Cooper and Lang await arraignment and trial date in Superior Court in Wilmington.